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### **I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Date Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
6,074,692 to Hulett	June 13, 2000	Method of Making MEA for PEM/SPE Fuel Cell
5,084,144 to Reddy et al	January 28, 1992	High Utilization Supported Catalytic Metal Containing Gas-Diffusion Electrode, Process for Making It, and Cells Utilizing It
5,330,860 to Grot et al	July 19, 1994	Membrane and Electrode Structure

### **II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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### **III. NON PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

#### **EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT**

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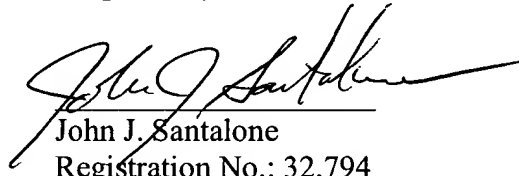
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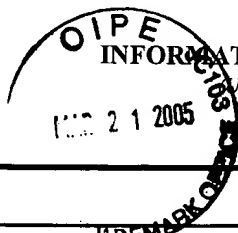

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